

In 1724 the German Baptists, commonly known as Dunkards, commenced a settlement in this township as first organized. Many of these came from Germany and Holland in 1709, settled first at Germantown, and some years afterwards established a school and church at Mühlbach.

On the farm of S. Bomberger was erected, in 1723, a log fort, which was used by the settlers as a protection against the Indians, and near which several skirmishes occurred. Among the elements of natural wealth are the great deposits of brown sandstone in the southeastern part, much of which is on lands owned by William Weigley and Dr. Zerbe, and of which the former's elegant mansion is built.

The following-named persons were taxables in Heidelberg township the year following the separation of Berks from Lancaster County (1752):

Albrecht, Matthias.	Loudermilk, John.
Arnold, Lorentz.	Ledig, Lenhard.
Bauman, Lorentz.	Line, John.
Breidenbach, Philip.	Lash, George.
Bassler, Henry.	Loudermilk, Godfried.
Bickle, Tobias.	Lane, John.
Brown, Jacob.	Miser, Henry.
Becker, Jacob.	Mous, Barnel.
Bowman, Valentine.	Miller, Frederick.
Borger, Peter.	Miller, Nicholas.
Boyer, Henry.	Mosser, John Adam.
Babler, Peter.	Miser, George.
Brua, Peter.	Miser, Michael.
Bressler, Nicholas.	Moore, Widow.
Cress, Nicholas.	Mire, John.
Conrad, George.	Mire, Henry.
Coppenheffer, Michael.	Miller, Christian.
Cogandoerfer, George.	Miller, Stofel.
Clark, Daniel.	Miller, Peter.
Croll, Ulrich.	Marker, District.
Copenhofer, Thomas.	Neaf, Jacob.
Dutweiler, John.	Noacker, Christopher.
Durst, Jacob.	Noacker, Martin.
Dutweiler, James.	Neff, George.
Edelman, Peter.	Neff, Michael.
Eicholtz, Martin.	Neff, Abraham.
Ellig, Andrew.	Neff, Jacob.
Fellenberger, Nicholas.	Newman, Walter.
Fritz, Adam.	Newman, F.
Fague, John.	Null, John.
Gishon, Jacob.	Orendorf, Christian.
Greeninger, Jacob.	Oxman, John.
Grebill, John.	Precht, Michael.
Gensly, Jacob.	Pugh, Joseph.
Gass, Jacob.	Potorf, Hermanus.
Gring, Henry.	Potorf, Martin.
Hoffman, Yost.	Raumer, John.
Herchelroth, Valentine.	Ranier, Jacob.
Huy, Jacob.	Reaser, Ulrich.
Holstein, Lenhard.	Rebo, Casper.
Heigberger, Conrad.	Reigand, Andrew.
Hooster, Wilhelm.	Reem, Peter.
Himmel, John.	Stump, Abraham.
Kohl, Martin.	Smith, Christian.
Kistaker, Philip.	Stoler, John.
Kreider, Jacob.	Stone, Peter.
Krotzer, Joseph.	Shub, John.
Kreutzer, Andrew.	Spengler, Michael.
Kapp, Michael.	Stock, John.
Kuster, John.	Shall, Andrew.
Knower, John.	Stump, Stophel.
Leaman, Christian.	Stoler, George.
Lebanstein, David.	Schenck, Michael.
Loudermilk, Wendel.	Swingle, George.

Sheffer, Alexander.	Thomas, Durst.
Summe, Peter.	Ulrich, Valentine.
Springer, Ulrich.	Veeman, Valentine.
Schell, Peter.	Wolfersparger, John.
Swingle, Nicholas.	Wolfersparger, Frederick.
Strickler, Andrew.	Wolfersparger, Peter.
Saltzgeber, Andreas.	Walborn, Christian.
Snyder, Michael.	Zimmerman, Bastian.
Treuer, George.	Zeller, David.
Troutman, Hieronymus.	Zeller, Henry.
Trosler, Anthony.	Zwalle, Christian.
Thomas, Martin.	Zeller, Peter.

The following-named persons were residents of the southeast part of Heidelberg township, on the borders of Warwick [1752]:

Blagher, Yost.	Roland, Abraham.
Beninger, Stephen.	Shute, Dillman.
Balmer, Michael.	Stiegle, Henry.
Botts, Henry.	Smith, Nicholas.
Cole, Ludwig.	Simon, Casper.
Etaminger, Hans Nickle.	Shoody, Martin.
Etaminger, Hans Nickle, Sr.	Selzer, Jacob.
Gass, Jacob.	Shab, Balsor.
Huber, John.	Sellar, Samuel.
Hank, Tobias.	Shouler, Mr., the tailor.
Hoyl, Henry.	Taylor, David.
Irwin, Moses.	Tobias, Simon.
Polinger, Jacob.	Wise, Henry.
Pofasberger, John.	Yochy, Stephen.
Pence, Christian.	

Freemen.

Bare, Ulrich.	Sheets, John.
Bale, John Pile John.	Swally, Yoba.
Hoyt, George.	Stelly, Jacob.
Lidigh, George.	Switzer, John.
Ongausteen, George.	Timothe, John.
Porgner, Peter.	

Six years after (1758) the following were the taxables in Heidelberg:

	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
Albright, Mathias.....	0	10	0	feeman, felte.....	0	12	0
Bardorf, George part.....	0	5	0	Feece, John.....	0	12	0
Bonsman, Lorraine.....	0	5	0	fisher, Jacob.....	0	4	0
Bullman, Adam.....	0	3	0	Groll, Mathias.....	0	10	0
Becker, Jacob.....	1	0	0	Greeninger, Jacob.....	0	12	0
Bright, Michael.....	0	15	0	Ditto for one other tract.	0	2	6
Bosh, Will.....	0	2	6	Gring, Henry.....	0	10	0
Basler, Henry.....	0	18	0	Groll, Andrew.....	0	3	0
Bardorf, Harmonus.....	0	6	0	holbman, Just.....	0	13	0
Bardorf, Martin.....	1	0	0	henly, Frederick.....	0	2	0
Bridenbough, Philip.....	1	8	0	hefflinger, Martin.....	0	4	0
Bickle, Tobias.....	0	16	0	holter, John William.....	0	10	0
Brown, Jacob.....	0	14	6	hustone, George.....	1	0	0
Brownman, Franz.....	0	4	0	Inel, John.....	1	2	6
Becker, John.....	0	2	0	Knower, John.....	0	2	6
Cratzer, Joseph.....	0	10	0	kechker, philip.....	6	3	0
Critzer, Andrew.....	0	14	0	Kochendorfer, George.....	0	3	0
Critzer, Jacob.....	0	7	6	Kratzer, Jacob.....	0	2	6
Crops, Henry.....	0	2	0	lederman, Jacob.....	0	2	0
Cropel, John.....	0	14	0	lesh, George.....	0	14	0
Copenhover, Michl, Jun.	0	5	0	Loudermilk, Wendel.....	0	16	0
Caster, John.....	0	10	0	Lewenston, David.....	0	12	0
Conrad, George.....	0	10	0	loudermilk, John.....	0	10	0
Cup, Martin.....	0	7	0	loudermilk, godfred.....	0	8	0
Cup, Michael.....	0	7	0	lehman, Jacob.....	0	4	6
Cupenheffer, Michael.....	0	18	0	line, John.....	0	10	0
Cupenhover, Tho.....	0	10	0	lesh, pitter.....	0	2	0
Celler, Peter.....	0	18	0	Miller, Nicklas.....	0	8	6
Celler, Henry.....	1	0	0	Mouse, Bernhard.....	0	17	6
Celler, David.....	0	12	0	Mills, Nicklas, Jur.....	0	2	0
Crist, George.....	0	13	0	Myer, Henry.....	0	6	0
(* Land-Lords part 10s.)				Myer, John.....	0	8	6
Cimorman, Sebastian.....	0	7	6	Moors, Elizabeth, widow	1	10	0
Darin, godlieb.....	0	2	0	Myser, Henry.....	0	1	6
Drey, John.....	0	4	0	Minyes, pitter.....	0	5	0
Demis, Jacob.....	0	5	0	Moser, Adam.....	0	8	0
Denes, Philip.....	0	2	6	Myer, Isaac.....	0	17	0
Dertner, Antony.....	0	1	0	Miller, Michael.....	1	4	0
Diefelbach, Adal.....	0	3	6	Miser, George.....	0	15	6
Edelman, petter.....	0	4	0	Miller, Christian.....	0	3	0
Emerth, George.....	0	13	6	Neaf, Michael.....	0	9	0
(* Landlords part, £0				Neaf, George.....	0	9	0
12s. 0d.				Neaf, Jacob, Duicker.....	0	9	0